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Harvey's Floods Have Caused Houston Superfund Site Containing Highly Toxic Chemicals to Leak

<https://www.sacurrent.com/the-daily/archives/2017/09/19/harveys-floods-have-caused-houston-superfund-site-containing-highly-toxic-chemicals-to-leak>

A Houston toxic waste site has reported three highly-dangerous chemical spills — brought on by Hurricane Harvey's torrential rains — to the U.S. government. The 17-acre U.S. Oil Recovery site in East Houston (technically in the town of Pasadena) has been a federal Superfund waste cleanup site since 2011. In 2009, local investigators discovered that U.S. Oil Recovery company had been leaking the various hazardous chemicals it collected from industrial clients into the air and local bayou, a regular fishing location which connects to Houston's main shipping channel. Texas prosecutors stuck the company's owner with five criminal felonies.

These Texas Chemical Plants Filed A Year's Worth Of Pollution Reports After Harvey

https://www.buzzfeed.com/nidhisubbaraman/tropical-storm-harvey-emissions-pollution?utm_term=.dowZaNkrmz#.nnybLJBaNz

Tropical storm Harvey triggered the release of approximately 5.4 million extra pounds of pollution from 48 chemical and petroleum plants. In comparison, those same plants released 5.5 million extra pounds of pollution — such as from storms, accidents, or other unexpected events — in all of 2016.

Free services, resources for Houston-area victims of Harvey

<http://www.khou.com/weather/harvey/free-services-resources-for-victims-of-harvey/476926726>

There is a growing list of companies and government agencies stepping up to help those affected by Hurricane Harvey. It's just another example of how our community is #HoustonStrong.

Reports of Livestock Deaths, Other Ag Losses Trickle in After Harvey

<https://www.texasobserver.org/reports-of-livestock-deaths-other-ag-losses-trickle-in-after-harvey/>

At the peak of Harvey's flooding in southeast Texas, Chambers County rancher Richie Devillier couldn't distinguish between the westbound lane of Interstate 10 and the Gulf of Mexico. Torrential rainfall had filled in one side of the massive roadway, and wind generated by the storm whipped the water into a choppy surf — instead of hosting bumper-to-bumper traffic, I-10 was navigable only by boat, as shown in a now-viral video.

Fire breaks out at Valero's Port Arthur, Texas refinery

<https://www.cnbc.com/2017/09/19/fire-breaks-out-at-valeros-port-arthur-texas-refinery.html>

A fire has been reported at Valero Energy's refinery in Port Arthur, Texas, one of the cities along the Gulf Coast that saw the most severe impacts from Hurricane Harvey. The company's emergency response team is on the scene, a spokesperson for Valero told CNBC. Valero has contacted local authorities and is cooperating with relevant agencies.

Coastal vulnerabilities known long before Harvey

<http://www.houmatoday.com/news/20170918/coastal-vulnerabilities-known-long-before-harvey>

A group that has long pushed for federal help to bolster Louisiana's eroding coastal wetlands are pointing to Hurricane Harvey's damage in Texas as an example of why such efforts matter. The America's Wetland Foundation hosted forums in 2011 and 2012 across the Gulf Coast, from South Padre Island, Texas, to Florida, to assess communities' resiliency in the face of hurricanes and rising seas associated with climate change.

Best,

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